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Advantis Credit Union Kicks off \$50,000 GROW Community Fund

*Grants will enable local nonprofits to complete short-term projects
that provide long-term benefits*

Portland, ORE., May 12, 2015 — Grant applications are now being accepted for Advantis Credit Union's fifth annual GROW Community Fund. GROW is a \$50,000 grant fund designed to provide nonprofit and service organizations with financial resources to address a wide range of needs and tackle challenges in the community, one project at a time.

Since 2011, the GROW Community Fund has provided \$200,000 to local organizations and funded 27 projects throughout Portland including creating community gardens for elementary students, refurbishing a home for foster children and providing kitchen equipment to an organization that feeds elderly citizens in need.

Local nonprofit and service organizations are invited to submit a grant application for any amount up to \$10,000 at www.advantiscu.org. Applications will be accepted online through June 12th. A selection committee will narrow down and identify the projects that provide the most long term benefits to the community. The public will then be invited to vote and determine which projects will receive grant funding. Online voting will begin June 22nd and take place on Advantis' Facebook page (www.facebook.com/AdvantisCU) and the Advantis homepage (www.advantiscu.org).

The 2015 GROW grant recipients will be announced in July.

About Advantis Credit Union

Advantis Credit Union, with more than \$1 billion in assets, is one of Oregon's largest not-for-profit, financial cooperatives. Advantis is locally-owned by over 58,000 members and has six branches in the Portland metro area. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in 23 counties in Oregon, including: Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Curry, Deschutes, Douglas, Hood River, Jackson, Jefferson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, Washington, or Yamhill counties and anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in the state of Washington.

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